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REMARKS**RECEIVED
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The Office Action mailed 05/18/2006 rejected all claims 1-3. ~~Specifically, the Office~~ Action rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In addition, the Office Action rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Bradshaw (U. S. Patent 6,101,157). Applicants have amended claim 1. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

An interview with Examiner has been made. According to the interview, independent claim 1 has been accordingly amended. The amendments are supported by the specification. Now, RCE has been filed for consideration.

It is believed that the present invention is patentable over the prior art.

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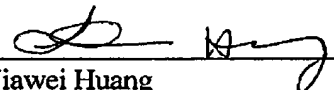
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believe that all pending claims 1-3 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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